

As of August 1, 2008, employees making deposits/re-deposits to buy back prior Federal service by check will have their checks converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT) action. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will copy the check and use the account information on it to electronically debit the account for the amount of the check, which will occur normally within 24 hours. Employees will not receive the original check back. The check will be destroyed; however, OPM will keep the copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, OPM will process the copied check. Questions regarding this process should be referred to Cathy Clifton at (865) 576-0680.